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**CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number	08/745,509
Filing Date	November 12, 1996
First Named Inventor	Feld
Group Art Unit	3737
Examiner Name	Smith, R.
Attorney Docket Number	301489.3003-100

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicants may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**a. ☐ Previously submittedi. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on [].ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on [].iii. ☐ Other - [].b. ☒ Enclosed

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i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

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ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

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iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)iv. ☐ Other - [].2. **Miscellaneous**a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(1) required)b. ☐ Other - [].3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.14 when the RCE is filed. A copy is enclosed for accounting purposesa. ☒ A check is enclosed for the following fees in the amount of \$2,252.00
OR[] Authorization is granted to charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1935.
document is enclosed for accounting purposesb. i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)iii. ☒ Amendment Feeiv. ☐ Other - [].c. ☒ Authorization is hereby granted to change any insufficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1935.**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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